

***Amendments to the Claims:*** The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A firearm supporting apparatus suitable for use with shafts of varying diameters and lengths, including:

an elongated support member having an end surface and a top surface, wherein said end surface further comprises a clamping surface and said top surface further comprises a firearm supporting surface and said clamping surface and said firearm supporting surface are integral with the elongated support member;

a collar connected with the elongated support member; and

an adjustable mechanism connecting the collar with the elongated support member and adjusting the position of the collar relative to the clamping surface of the support member, resulting in movement of the collar relative to the clamping surface in a direction parallel to the elongated support member, the collar and clamping surface securing the support member to the shaft.

2. (Original) The firearm supporting apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the adjustable mechanism includes an elongated threaded member connected with the collar and the elongated support member and a fastening device associated with the threaded member, wherein tightening and loosening the fastening device on the threaded member adjusts the position of the collar relative to the clamping surface.

3. (Original) The firearm supporting apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the adjustable mechanism includes an adjustable clamp connected with the elongated support member and wherein the collar is a flexible band associated with the adjustable clamp.

4. (Original) The firearm supporting apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the firearm supporting surface is contoured.

5. (Original) The firearm supporting apparatus as set forth in claim 4, wherein the firearm supporting surface is a concave cradle.

6. (Original) The firearm supporting apparatus as set forth in claim 2, wherein the clamping surface includes upper and lower support arms and wherein the support member defines a collar slot separating said upper and lower support arms.

7. (Original) The firearm supporting apparatus as set forth in claim 3, wherein the support member defines a transverse hole and wherein the adjustable clamp is inserted into the transverse hole.

8. (Original) The firearm supporting apparatus as set forth in claim 1, further including a flexible material covering a portion of the elongated support member.

9. (Original) The firearm supporting apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein at least the firearm supporting surface is covered by a flexible material.

10. (Original) The firearm supporting apparatus as set forth in claim 9, wherein the flexible material is provided with a non-skid surface.

11. (Original) The firearm supporting apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the clamping surface is concave.

12. (Original) The firearm supporting apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the clamping surface is covered by a flexible material.

13. (Original) A firearm supporting apparatus as set forth in claim 1, further including a set of collars of varying diameters and wherein the collar is selected from the set based on a diameter of the shaft.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

***Conclusion***

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



---

By: H. Frederick Rusche, #45,061  
Husch & Eppenger, LLC  
190 Carondelet Plaza, Suite 600  
St. Louis, MO 63105  
314-480-1500  
314-480-1505 FAX